

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB
BULLETIN



May 2009

Enjoying.....



.....Visalia



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
May 27, 2009
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M
Program: Bob, N6OX is taking us all to Austria Free of charge!



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From the VEEP

Wayne Zimmerman NN6R



Greetings from the VEEP. Glenn is working out of town again this week and asked me to make up a few words for the bulletin. I told him we are going to have to send him to a remedial class on retirement as he says he is busier now than ever. Some folks just have a hard time adjusting to retirement.

By the time you receive this bulletin, many of you will have been to and returned from the Dayton Hamvention. It looked like a very good program had been set. Hopefully we can hear all about it from some of you at the meeting on the 27th.

There is nothing new to report on the San Diego antenna ordinance as of this writing on May14. Last week the city acknowledged receiving our proposal and says they are looking at it.

Dx has been spottier than usual lately. After returning from our Panama Canal cruise at the end of April, I thought my antennas had fallen down while I was gone. Propagation has been pretty bad the last few weeks but seemed to improve somewhat yesterday. The flux jumped to 74 but still not much DX. Digging through a quiet 20 meters yesterday, I was about to shut down when out of the primordial ooze popped VU2VWN on cw. Very few were calling him so I guess everybody else gave up on the band allowing me to get through. Last night I worked several UN7 stations on 20 meters and again this morning. There wasn't much of anything else though. Whether no activity or select skip I don't know. I guess the point is, there is DX out there it just takes some digging. The good part is that they are easier to work as there is less competition.

I noticed a recent bulletin from the experts at NOAA. They are predicting now that Cycle 24 will peak in May of 2013 with 90 sunspots per day. If that is true then Cycle 24 will turn out to be the weakest since Cycle 16. Diehard DXers will prevail none the less.

There have certainly been a few crazy prefixes on the bands lately. How about 3Z11EQSLCC ? It is a Polish commemoration of the 11th anniversary of eQSL.

5V7PM is supposed to be on until May 30 by Werner DL9MBI

7X2VFK is expecting to operate from June 15 to the 21st.

ET3BN (Peter DM2BBN) will be operating from Addis Ababa for several more years.

See you on the bands.

Wayne NN6R

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Leon Helms N6VS



Bank Balance as of April 30, 2009: \$3051.64

Income:

2009 membership renewals 140.00
Contributions to legal fund 260.00

Expenses:

Badge Expenses 10.24
From \$ included with renewal

Bank Balance as of April 30, 2009 3441.40

Petty Cash on Hand 20.00

Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$3461.40

In addition I deposited on 5/1

2009 membership renewal 10.00

Contributions to legal fund 100.00

Current bank balance 3551.40

Current club membership: 71

MEETING MINUTES

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road. Our President Glenn Rattmann, K6NA called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present were 29 members along with Paul, W7MO from Laramie, Wyoming visiting for the evening.

The April minutes, as published in the bulletin were approved.

AS a part of old business, a spirited discussion concerning ways to get the other San Diego Ham clubs involved in supporting the legal actions we have taken to against the proposed San Diego ordinance regarding ham towers. Paul, WN6K announced that SANDARC has agreed to be a collection point for the funds.

Glenn reminded us that the Bash is August 23 at W6YT's QTH.

Loren, AD6ZJ agreed to take be a part of the nominating committee, assisted by the board of directors.

John. K6AM presented the top 10 for 12 and 17 meters, and not surprisingly there were no major changes in the past year.

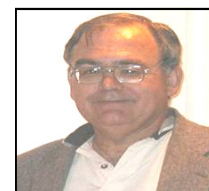
The DX Roundtable was lively and interesting as usual with a number of subjects discussed concerning upcoming DXpeditions, propagation, contests, and the like.

The evening's program, the HQ3Z Dxpediton to Tela, Honduras was presented by Wild Bill, WB6BFG and was greatly enjoyed by all.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 9:11.

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 17 METERS

5/09	5/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
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1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	330	-
2.	2.	K6AM	40	318	321	322	+1
3.	3.	N6ND	40	162	162	317	-
4.	4.	N7CW	40	251	251	309	-
5.	5.	W6KUT	40	255	255	285	-
6.	6	N6CW	25	?	188	285	-
7.	7.	K6TQ	40	282	282	282	-
8.	-	K6XT	40	131	131	269	NEW
9.	8.	W6YOO	38	259	261	261	-
10.	9.	N6AW	40	255	257	259	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 12 METERS

5/09	5/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
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1.	1.	W6YA	40	?	?	311	-
2.	2.	K6AM	40	301	303	305	-
3.	3.	N6ND	40	148	149	304	-
4.	4.	W6KUT	40	236	236	277	-
5.	5.	N7CW	39	197	197	266	-
6.	6.	K6TQ	38	265	265	265	-
7.	7.	N6CW	39	?	180	262	-
8.	8.	N6AW	40	219	220	227	-
9.	-	K6XT	40	94	94	219	NEW
10.	9.	W6YOO	36	217	217	217	-

In the dead of the sunspot night, these bands have slowed way down. Looks like we have seen the last of the good years on 12 meters for a while. 17 is still a very viable band and should remain so for most of the lean sunspot years to come.

Both of these lists are much easier to break into than the other bands. If you're not playing the WARC bands, you're missing a chance to experience the thrill of working a new one several times every month. The little Cushcraft WARC dipole is all you need to get started. The newer Force 12 Antennas work on 12 and 17 with a couple dB of gain as well.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 160 meters, RTTY and band-countries. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.



Photos from Visalia courtesy of WA6MHZ, N6JOJ and N6XT.

DX Is!!

Just a Reminder.....

The email reflector is for Ham radio discussion only!! Please do not post messages that do not relate to ham radio in some way.

Thanks,
Tuck & Arnie



Summer Bash 2009

Will be held at
Jim W6YI's
August 23, 2009
11:30 am

Visalia Reservation Phone Pile-up!!

The reservation date was announced as June 16 at Visalia. It appears to have moved a week earlier, according to <http://www.dxconvention.org>.

The 61st Annual International DX Convention sponsored by the Southern California DX Club will be held at [The Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Visalia](#). If you have general questions or comment please e-mail us or for specific questions see the [contacts](#) page for the individuals responsible for your area of interest.

The holiday in will begin taking reservations on **June 9, 2009** at 10:45am PST. They will also be taking reservations for RV parking starting at the same time. Room reservations can be made by calling 559-651-5000, RV reservations can be made by contacting Brian Lancaster at extension 2608. Please do not call before June 9, the hotel will not accept reservations before that date. you need to contact the hotel directly and not via the Holiday Inn main number or web site. This is a special event and reservations are handled directly by the hotel at 559-651-5000.

Hotel Cancellation Policy: Reservations must be canceled seven (7) days prior to arrival date or a cancellation penalty of 1 nights room and tax will be charged to the credit card on file.



Triple Play Award!!

AD6ZJ and N6ERD
have received the Triple Play WAS
awards.

Congrats!!!

